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## USDA TO FORECAST CROP YIELDS

[Springfield, Illinois] – Beginning in late September, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey farmers across the U.S. asking for the yield of harvested crops or expected yield for their crops not yet harvested. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, NASS will publish estimates based on these surveys for each crop in each state, along with national estimates. This is the third in a series of four monthly surveys.

"USDA-NASS monthly crop forecasts are used by famers, policy makers, researchers and businesses that use grains," said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. "NASS relies on Illinois farmers to provide the data needed to make those

Illinois Corn and Soybean Yield and Production				
Corn			Soybeans	
Year	Bushels Produced	Yield	Bushels Produced	Yield
2016	2,255,650,000	197	592,950,000	59
2017	2,200,950,000	201	611,900,000	58
2018	2,268,000,000	210	666,750,000	63.5
2019	1,846,200,000	181	532,440,000	54
2020	2,131,200,000	192	604,750,000	59
2021*	2,311,200,000	214	675,200,000	64

*\*2021 Data as of September 1, 2021*

forecasts." NASS encourages farmers to respond online, at [agcounts.usda.gov](https://agcounts.usda.gov), or by mail.

Prompt response helps reduce costs. "Providing timely and accurate agricultural information helps both grain producers and users," added Schleusener.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Results will be published in the Crop Production Report, released October 12<sup>th</sup>, available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications).

For more information call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.

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